Persons represented

Duke of Venice
Prince of Morocco } Suitors to Portia
Prince of Aragon }
Antonio The Merchant of Venice
Bassanio his friend
Salanio }
Salarino } friends to Antonio and Bassanio
Gratiano }
Lorenzo in Love with Iessica
Shylock a Iew
Tubal a Iew his friend
Launcelot Gobbo ~~father to~~ a Clown Servant to Shylock
Old Gobbo father to Lãcelot
* Salerio a Messenger from Venice
Leonardo servant to Bassanio
Balthazar } Servants to Portia.
Stephano }

Portia. a rich heire
Nerissa her waiting Maid
Iessica Daughter to Shylock.

* This character is written in the Per. Dram. The name appears in the first folio.

The comicall History of the Merchant of Venice.

Enter *Anthonio*, *Salaryno*, and *Salanio*.

An. IN sooth I know not why I am so sad,
It wearies me, you say it wearies you;
But how I caught it, found it, or came by it,
What stuffe tis made of, whereof it is borne, off of
I am to learne: and such a want-wit sadnes
makes of mee,
That I haue much adoe to know my selfe.

Salarino. Your minde is tossing on the Ocean,
There where your Argosies with portlie sayle,
Like Signiors and rich Burgars on the flood,
Or as it were the Pageants of the sea,
Doe ouer-peere the petty traffiquers
That curtsie to them, do them reuerence e
As they flie by them with theyr wouen wings.
Salanio. Beleeue mee sir, had I such venture forth,
The better part of my affections would
Be with my hopes abroad. I should be still
Plucking the grasse, to know where sits the wind,
Peering in Maps, for ports, and peers and rodes: for
And euery obiect that might make me feare
Misfortune to my ventures, out of doubt
Would make me sad.
Salar. My wind cooling my broth,
would blow me to an ague, when I thought
what harme a winde too great might doe at sea. at Sea, might do. 1st Folio. might do at Sea
I should not see the sandie howre-glasse runne,
But I should thinke of shallowes, and of flatts,
And see my wealthy *Andrew* docks in sand,